



# Sunday, 7th January, 2024

## THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

### Year B



**Parish Priest:** Rev Fr Ian McGinnity  
**Deacon:** John Collins  
**Parish Secretary:** Frances Gallagher  
**Parish Office Hours:** Mon - Fri: 9am - 3pm

**School Principal:** Tony Hughes  
**School Phone:** 8846 2700  
**School Web Site:**  
[www.ctknorthrocks.catholic.edu.au](http://www.ctknorthrocks.catholic.edu.au)  
**Baptisms:** Every 2nd & 4th Sunday at 11:15am  
**Weddings:** By Appointment  
**Reconciliation:** Saturdays 9:30am  
**Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament:**  
**Suspended until further notice**  
**Children's Liturgy:** The 1st & 3rd Sundays during 10am Mass (excluding school holidays)  
**Good Neighbours Group:** Mary MacKillop

#### PARISH SERVICES

##### Sunday Masses:

**Saturday** 5:30pm  
**Sunday** 8:00am  
**Sunday** 10:00am

##### Weekday Masses:

**Wednesday** 9:00am  
**Thursday** 9:00am  
**Friday** 9:15am  
**Saturday** 9:00am

##### **Parish Address:**

10 Statham Ave, North Rocks NSW 2151  
**Phone:** 9871 8710  
**Email:** [northrocks@parracatholic.org](mailto:northrocks@parracatholic.org)  
**Website:** <https://northrockscatholic.org.au>

#### **IN YOUR MERCY, PLEASE REMEMBER THOSE FOR WHOM PRAYERS HAVE BEEN REQUESTED**

**THE SICK:** Sr Catherine Maddock, Bishop Peter Ingham, Natalie De Maria, Anthony Sullivan, Mark Cheeseman, Bev Johnson; Warren Johnson, Lilian Davidson, Mike Gordon, Margaret McCaffrey, Marija Barclay, David Ferguson Ken Sunderland, Barbara Heaton, Pat McAppion, Margaret Martin, Ace Sortisas, Tina Coorey, Helene Graham, Mimi Jayatilaka, Oliver Ofiana, Sue Ferguson. Abraham Concepcion, Delia Hipolito, Edna Esmero, Sonia Merchant, Reg Bonnici, Mary Ahern, Tessie Bonney.

**RECENTLY DECEASED:** Rev Dr Bill Aliprandi, John Quattramoni

## REFLECTION

by Dianne Bergant CSA

The Christmas season reaches an apex with the Epiphany. In some liturgical traditions, it is the central celebration of Christmas. It commemorates not only the birth of Christ and the visit of the Magi, but also his baptism in the Jordan and the manifestation of his glory at the wedding feast of Cana. In the Roman Catholic tradition, the focus is on the visit of the Magi and the implications of that visit for the glorious manifestation of God to all the peoples of the world.

There is a wonderful summons to alertness and presence of mind and heart, a call for all the nations to witness the marvellous works of God that shine as light in the midst of the surrounding darkness. The light of God is known in the ways in which the most vulnerable in the city are cared for and acknowledged. In just action and righteousness, the city becomes the beacon of God, and all the nations are attracted by this light. The quality of the light leads the way through the darkness and sustains the world in goodness and peace.

The manifestation of God among us changes the ways in which we perceive each other. Christ's birth provides us with the light by which we see a new criterion for relating. The Magi represent the multi-ethnic and cultural diversity in civic and parish situations, as well as the many religions of the world. All people, regardless of race or ethnic origin, can be co-heirs with Christ.



#### MISSION STATEMENT

Centred on the Gospel of Jesus, Christ the King Church is a warm, welcoming community of faith. We continue to strive to be open and to embrace diversity, as we love and grow in relationship to God and in service to one another.

This Week's Readings: Is 60:1-6; Eph 3:2-3,5-6; Mt 2:1-12  
 Next Week's Readings: 1 Sam 3:3-10,19; 1 Cor 6:13-15, 17-20; Jn 1:35-42

**Lectors and Parishioners please note that the full text can be found on the website: [www.universalis.com](http://www.universalis.com)**

## TO OUR MINISTERS OF THE PARISH

Should you be rostered and not be able to attend your rostered Mass, please email the parish office: [northrocks@parracatholic.org](mailto:northrocks@parracatholic.org) or phone 9871 8710, or indicate on the roster through Ministry Scheduling that a volunteer is required. A replacement can then be organised on your behalf.

*Thank you for your ongoing participation in these important ministries.*

### 6th & 7th January - The Epiphany of the Lord

	Welcomer	Acolyte	Reader	Computer Operator	Eucharistic Minister
<b>Saturday 5.30pm</b>	Julie Hook	Peter Hrast	Kerry Saad Liza Jilesh	Veronica Chacty	Maria Bietola
<b>Sunday 8am</b>	Volunteer Needed	Rosemary Wickham	Tony Hughes Danielle Dona	Jo-Anne Castaneda	John Lacey
<b>Sunday 10am</b>	Rosanne Vaughan	Lorraine Murphy	Rob Haddad Sarah Cook	Volunteer Needed	Marea Mooney

**CHILDREN'S LITURGY:** No Children's Liturgy during the school holidays

**MINISTRY TO THE SICK:** Rosemary Wickham, Ken Coorey, John Lacey

**COUNTER GROUP 2:** Ron Ruskin, Keith Henson, John Lenehan, John Coakley

**ALTAR SOCIETY GROUP 3:** Maria Bietola and Barbara Haddad

**PIETY GROUP:** Vigil: Maria Bietola; 8.00am Volunteer needed; 10.00am: Ellen Vaughan

**CHURCH CLEANING GROUP 1:** CTK School Mums and Gemma Smart

### 13th & 14th January - 2nd Sun in Ord Time

	Welcomer	Acolyte	Reader	Computer Operator	Eucharistic Minister
<b>Saturday 5.30pm</b>	George Germanos	Sue DeCourcy	Liza Jilesh John DeCourcy	Veronica Chacty	Gillian Mobbs
<b>Sunday 8am</b>	Volunteer Needed	Jim Kinsella	Tony Hughes Danielle Dona	Trish Yates	Lorraine Murphy
<b>Sunday 10am</b>	Rosanne Vaughan	Aubon Fernando	Dawn Peat Sarah Cook	Dominic Choi	Margaret Coakley

**CHILDREN'S LITURGY:** No Children's Liturgy during school holidays

**MINISTRY TO THE SICK:** Jim Kinsella, Barbara Craft, Lorraine Murphy

**COUNTER GROUP :** 1st Sun of Month only

**ALTAR SOCIETY GROUP 2:** MariaLanny Carterand Barbara Haddad

**PIETY GROUP:** Vigil: Carol Frare & Sue Hales; 8.00am Volunteer needed; 10.00am: Marea Mooney

**CHURCH CLEANING GROUP 2:** Louise Howitt Frances Gallagher, Rosemary Maroon, Paul Cook

# Happy New Year!

**2024**

You have experienced, dearly beloved friends, the joy with which we celebrated, by the favour of a merciful God, the birth of our Lord, Jesus Christ. In that same joy, we now proclaim his new birth, the resurrection of that same Lord and Saviour and our reliving of it during the coming year.

**The 14th day of February will be Ash Wednesday.**

**On the 31st day of March you will exalt in the full celebration of the Passover of our Lord, Jesus Christ at Easter.**

**The 12th day of May will be the Ascension of our Lord, Jesus Christ.**

**The 19th day of May will be the feast of Pentecost.**

**On the 2nd day of June, we will celebrate 1st Holy Communion on the feast of the Body and Blood of Christ.**

**On the 18th and 19th of September we will celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation.**

**On the 24th day of November we will celebrate the feast of Christ the King our patronal Feast.**

**The 1st day of December will be the 1st Sunday of Advent when we shall look forward again to the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.**

**On the 10th and 11th of December we will celebrate the Sacrament of First Reconciliation.**

## **PLEASE CONSIDER IN 2024?**

An invitation is extended to parishioners over the age of 18 to seriously consider joining the Parish Pastoral Council which assists the parish priest in administering the Parish. Our current Pastoral Council is looking for new members as some members have resigned due to other commitments and others have been on the Council for a significant period of time.

The Parish also requires two representatives from the Parish to sit on the Northern Deanery Pastoral Council to similarly assist the Dean in the pastoral care and unity of the Northern Deanery.

Father Ian is also seeking new members for the Parish Finance Committee to renew and replace existing members.

These are important ministries in our local Church so we ask all parishioners to reflect honestly on whether they can be of service to the Church in any of these roles to help build up the Body of Christ and to participate in decision-making.

Anyone wishing to offer themselves for any of these positions or for further information can contact us via email [northrocks@parracatholic.org](mailto:northrocks@parracatholic.org) or phone the parish office on 9871 8710 or speak to Fr Ian after Mass.

## **THE PARISH NEEDS YOUR HELP**

Due to the effects of Covid 19 and an ageing worshipping demography, our parish needs to renew membership of essential parish ministries. These include liturgical ministries: readers at Mass, special ministers of the Eucharist, Senior servers (acolytes), welcomers and ushers, musicians and cantors, as well as people to operate the computer for PowerPoint presentations.

We also need assistance with the money counting, altar society and floral decorations, Church cleaning and ministry to the sick.

These ministries are crucial to the life of the parish. Please consider taking on one of these roles to keep our Church alive. Don't think other people can do it. Our baptism calls each of us to participate actively in the life of our Church.

Please consider joining one of these ministries and contact the parish office by phone on 9871 8710 or via email on [northrocks@parracatholic.org](mailto:northrocks@parracatholic.org) to nominate where you can assist.

## **LITURGICAL MINISTRY COURSE RETURNS IN 2024**

The Liturgical Ministry Formation Courses will recommence in February 2024. This is formation for anyone interested in serving within the Liturgical Ministries either as Readers, Extraordinary Ministers of Communion, Communion to the Sick and Dying and Ministers at the Altar. For information, please contact the Office for Worship on 0460 037 795 or [mary.gale@parracatholic.org](mailto:mary.gale@parracatholic.org) or download an enrolment form at <https://officeforworship.org.au/>.

## WANTED! SPECIAL RELIGIOUS EDUCATORS

The parish is currently seeking volunteers who are available for about 1-2 hours each week to become SREs at North Rocks Public School Tuesday mornings & Carlingford West Public School Wednesday afternoons . If you would like to be a part of this ministry, please contact the parish office on 9871 8710 or at [northrocks@parracatholic.org](mailto:northrocks@parracatholic.org)

## MESSAGE FROM ST VINCENT DE PAUL LOCAL CONFERENCE

The St Vincent de Paul conference wish to thank all members of our parish community for their continued generous support during our Christmas fundraising appeals. We are privileged to be able to support and provide for the needs of the poor and needy in the local areas we serve. Donations from the CTK school community, the Christmas giving tree, OLMC and the Lions Club along with your financial support was overwhelming. We were able to provide generous Christmas hampers and toys to many families who would have otherwise gone without. We are so fortunate have the support of such a generous and caring community. Once again thank you.

## BAPTISM WELCOME

We welcome the Dunston family, Mark and Cecile and their son Matt. May Matt's baptism be a happy and a memorable occasion and may God continue to bless his parents in this special step that they have taken to proclaim and support their child in the Christian faith.

## DIOCESAN WORLD DAY OF THE SICK MASS: 10 FEBRUARY 2024

A Mass for the World Day of the Sick, including the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick, will be held at 11am on Saturday 10 February 2024 at St Patrick's Church, Mary, Queen of the Family Parish, Blacktown. All are welcome, including those who may be sick, and those who care for the sick and dying and health care professionals. RSVPs are required by 6 February 2024 to [mary.gale@parracatholic.org](mailto:mary.gale@parracatholic.org).

## TAP TO GIVE

Our Parish has a Tap to Give device to make it easier for our faith family to give an offertory gift to help sustain our liturgical, sacramental, pastoral and charitable ministries.

Our Tap to Give device, located in the Church Foyer, enables us as a Parish to accept cashless donations which are automatically deposited into our bank. Our Tap to Give device has been pre-set with a gift amount of \$10.

## CREDIT CARD AND DIRECT DEBIT CHANGES

Please inform the Parish Office on 9871 8710 or send an email to [northrocks@parracatholic.org](mailto:northrocks@parracatholic.org) of any changes to your credit card number/expiry date or direct debit account.

Parishioners who wish to make a donation to the parish, can access the facility on the front page of the Parish website by clicking "Donate Now" on the top right-hand side of the page or donating directly to

<https://www.bpoint.com.au/payments/ChristTheKingParishNorthRocks> via Credit Card. Should you wish to make a donation via direct debit, please use the following details:

BSB: 067-950

Account Number: 00000479

Account Name: North Rocks Catholic Church

## FIRST COLLECTION:

If you would like to contribute towards the support of the priests, please use the following details:

BSB 067-950

Account No. 00004265

Account Name: Parramatta Diocesan Clergy

Reference Number: 6027

*Thank you to everyone in the continual support of the parish and the clergy of the Diocese of Parramatta.*

## EMAIL ADDRESS

If you have changed your email address or now have an email address, could you please notify the Parish Office [northrocks@parracatholic.org](mailto:northrocks@parracatholic.org) as soon as possible. Thank you.

## BEQUESTS (Please contact the Parish Office for further information)

Many of us have a special connection to our parish, nurtured by years of faith-sharing, schooling, friendships and support. A bequest to your parish, no matter how small, will help the faith community which has meant so much to you to continue its good works and its loving outreach. It is also a means by which you can plan a lasting gift for your parish which might not be possible in your lifetime. In receiving a bequest, a parish may be able to use the gift to attend to much needed maintenance and improvements to the church and other parish property. These kinds of gifts help the Parish free up other income to use toward pastoral care programs.